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Applicant(s): Fogarty et al.

Examiner: Truong, Kevin Thao

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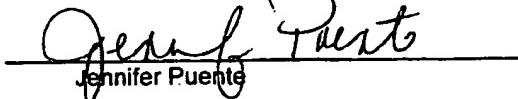
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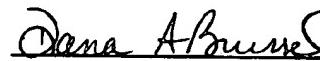
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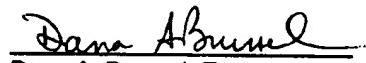
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In response to the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of harvesting a section of an artery from a body comprising the following steps:

providing a dissection cannula having a lumen and an endoscope inserted into said lumen;

inserting said dissection cannula through an incision in the body;

advancing said dissection cannula alongside the artery to dissect with said dissection cannula to create a space in body tissue, the space being at least partially occupied by said dissection cannula;

viewing via said endoscope;

providing a dissection tool separate from said dissection cannula; and

dissecting surrounding tissue from the artery by moving the dissection tool along the artery.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein said dissection cannula further comprises a balloon and said balloon is inserted into the body and inflated to cause additional dissection over that caused by the dissection cannula.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of claim 2 wherein said balloon is inverted and inflating said balloon causes said balloon to evert and advance along the artery.

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Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of ligating and dividing side branches from the artery.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of harvesting a section of an artery from a body comprising the following steps:

providing a dissection cannula having a lumen and an endoscope inserted into said lumen;  
inserting said dissection cannula through an incision in the body;  
advancing said dissection cannula alongside the artery to dissect with said dissection cannula to create a space in body tissue, the space being at least partially occupied by said dissection cannula;  
viewing via said endoscope;  
dissecting surrounding tissue from the artery by moving a dissection tool along the artery;  
and  
removing a section of the artery.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of harvesting a section of an artery from a body comprising the following steps:

providing a blunt dissector having a lumen and an endoscope inserted into said lumen;  
inserting said blunt dissector through an incision in the body;  
advancing said blunt dissector alongside the artery to bluntly dissect with said blunt dissector to create a space in body tissue, the space being at least partially occupied by said blunt

dissector;

viewing via said endoscope;

providing a dissection tool separate from said blunt dissector; and

dissecting surrounding tissue from the artery by moving the dissection tool along the artery.

**Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of harvesting a section of an artery from a body comprising the following steps:**

providing a tunneling member having a lumen and an endoscope inserted into said lumen;

inserting said tunneling member through an incision in the body;

advancing said tunneling member alongside the artery to dissect with said tunneling member to create a space in body tissue, the space being at least partially occupied by said tunneling member;

viewing via said endoscope;

providing a dissection tool separate from said tunneling member; and

dissecting surrounding tissue from the artery by moving the dissection tool along the artery.

**Claim 8 (previously presented): A method of harvesting an artery from a body comprising the following steps:**

providing a dissection cannula having a lumen;

inserting an endoscope into said lumen of said dissection cannula;

inserting said dissection cannula through an opening in the body and positioning the dissection cannula adjacent the artery;

advancing said dissection cannula along the artery to create a space in body tissue, the space being at least partially occupied by said cannula;

monitoring the advancing of said dissection cannula via said endoscope;

removing said dissection cannula from the body;

retracting the space to create a working space;

inserting a trocar into the body;

inserting a dissection tool through said trocar into the working space; and

moving the dissection tool along the blood vessel to separate the artery from surrounding tissue.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 wherein said step of retracting the space comprises the step of inserting an insufflation port into the body and insufflating the space via said insufflation port.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of inserting an endoscope into the working space and monitoring the moving of the dissection tool along the artery.

**Claim 11 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein said dissection cannula has an inflatable member disposed on a distal portion of said dissection cannula.

**Claim 12 (previously presented):** The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of inflating said inflatable member.

**Claim 13 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein said trocar is inserted into the body after the step of removing said dissection cannula.

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein said trocar is inserted into the body prior to the step of inserting said dissection cannula.

**Claim 15 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein said dissection tool comprises an elongate rod having a hook disposed on a distal end of said rod.

**Claim 16 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein the step of inserting the dissection cannula into the body adjacent the artery and advancing said cannula along the artery creates a space which is occupied entirely by the cannula.

**Claim 17 (previously presented):** The method of claim 8 wherein the step of removing said dissection cannula results in a space occupied by body tissue.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of claim 8 wherein said step of inserting said endoscope into said lumen of said dissection cannula is performed prior to inserting said dissection ~~cannula~~ cannula through an opening in the body.

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REMARKS

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004. By the present amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 5-7, and 18. It is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending in the application, namely claims 1-18, do not introduce new subject matter, are fully supported by the application, and are patentable over the prior art. Prompt and favorable consideration of these claims is earnestly sought.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 2-5 of U.S. Patent No. 5,730,748 to Fogarty et al. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-7 has been overcome.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 5,853,417 to Fogarty et al. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-18 has been overcome.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 6-18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type of double patenting over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,899,913 to Fogarty et al. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). It is respectfully submitted that

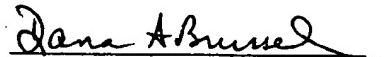
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Prompt and favorable action on these claims, namely claims 1-18, is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5713.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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The owner\*, General Surgical Innovations, Inc., of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term prior patent No. 5,730,748 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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